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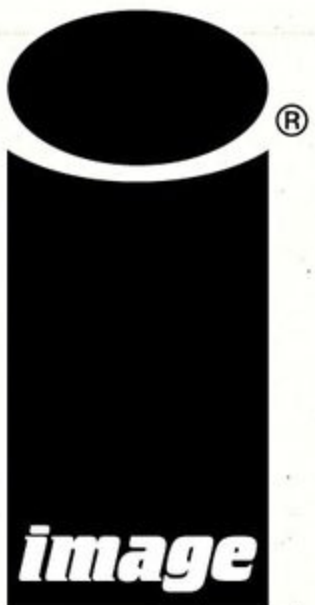
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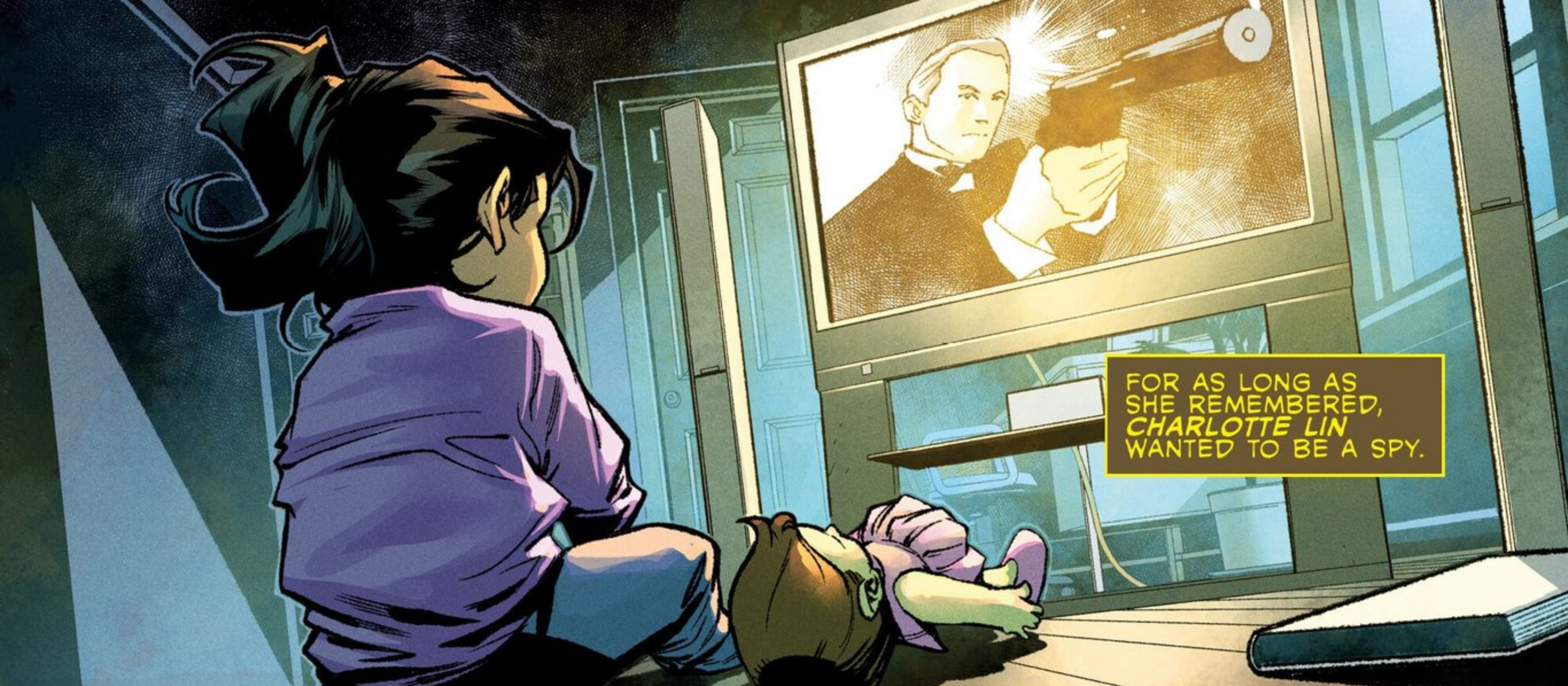
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PREVIOUSLY IN *THE SCORCHED*

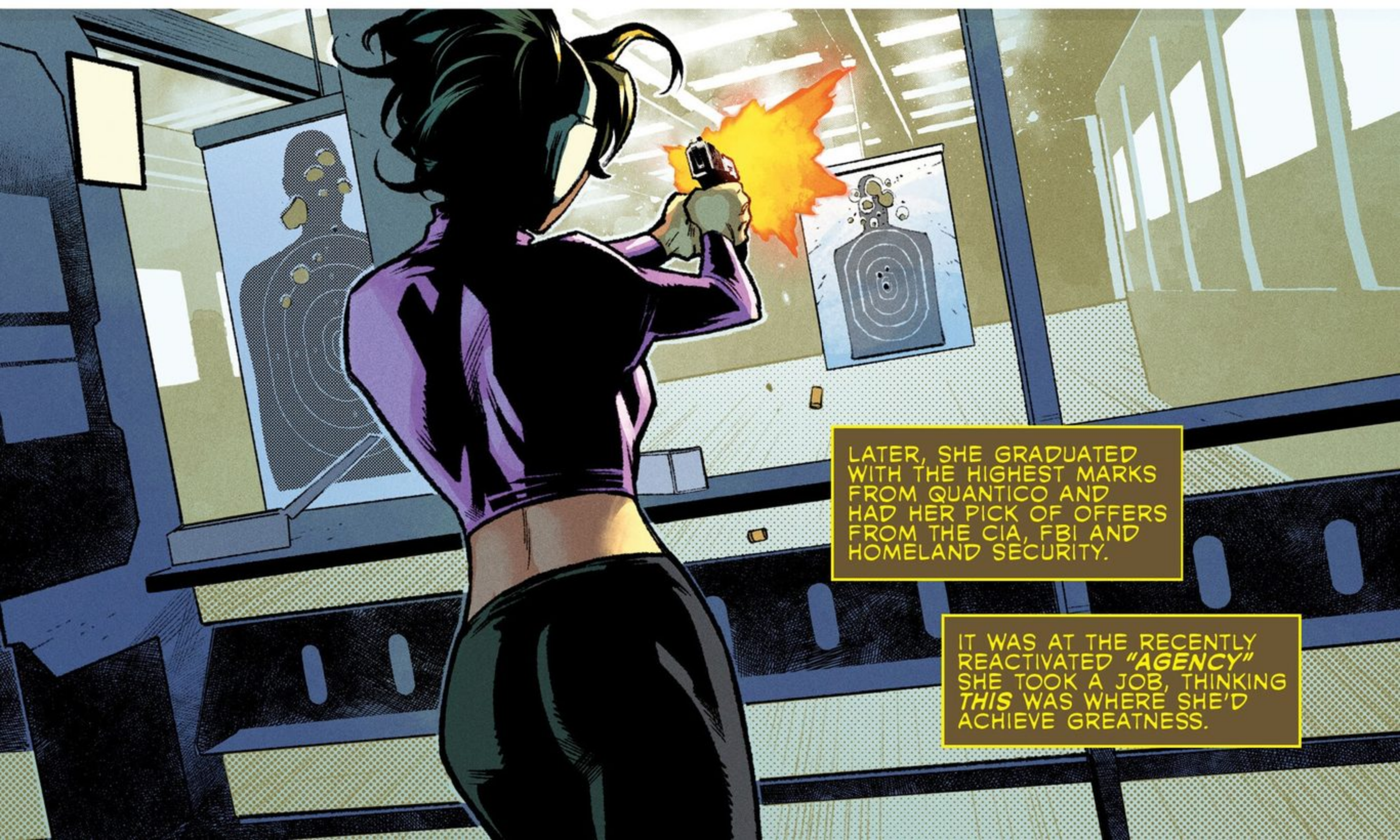
With the surprise return of Jason Wynn, Jessica Priest and The Scorch team take the offensive.



FOR AS LONG AS SHE REMEMBERED, **CHARLOTTE LIN** WANTED TO BE A SPY.



WATCHING JAMES BOND AND MISSION IMPOSSIBLE MOVIES ENDLESSLY, THINKING "SOMEDAY THAT WILL BE ME."



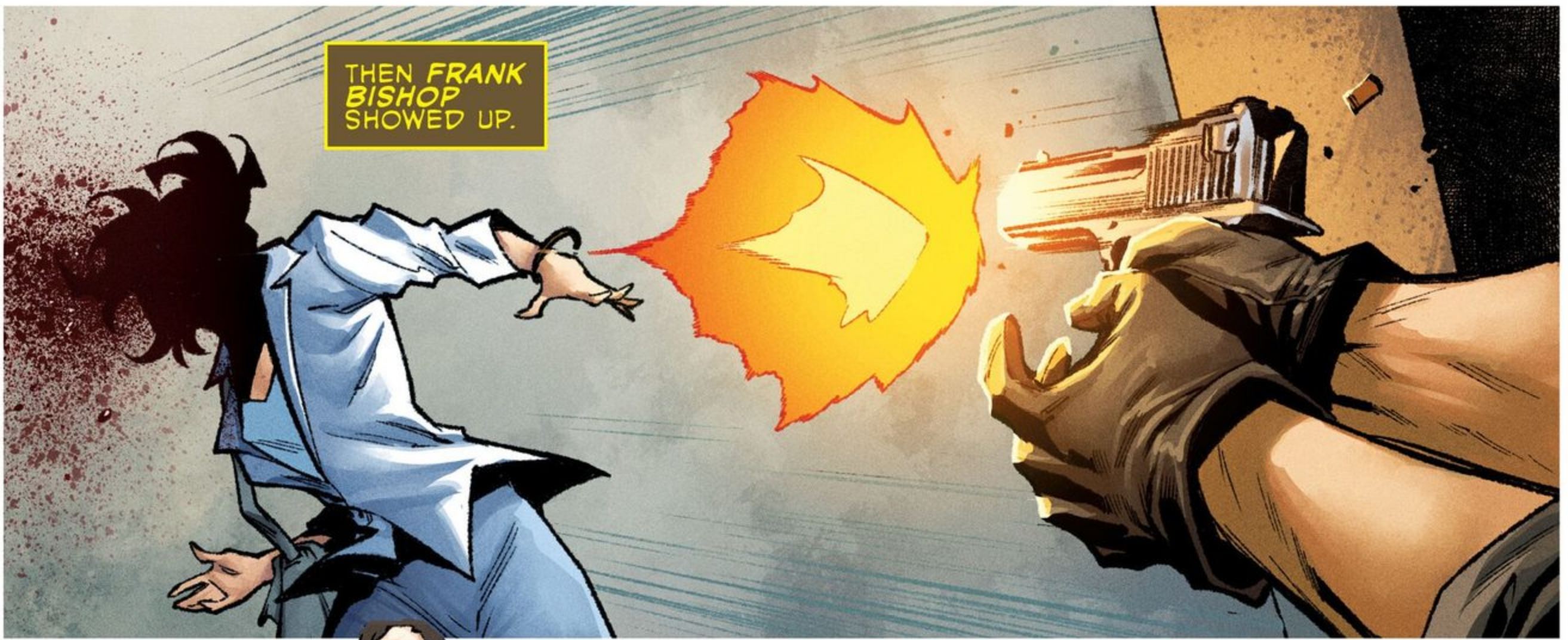
LATER, SHE GRADUATED WITH THE HIGHEST MARKS FROM QUANTICO AND HAD HER PICK OF OFFERS FROM THE CIA, FBI AND HOMELAND SECURITY.

IT WAS AT THE RECENTLY REACTIVATED "AGENCY" SHE TOOK A JOB, THINKING **THIS** WAS WHERE SHE'D ACHIEVE GREATNESS.

HER MOST RECENT PROMOTION
NAMED HER AN OPERATIONS
MANAGER, WHERE SHE WAS TO
REPORT *DIRECTLY* TO THE
AGENCY DIRECTOR, JASON WYNN.



THEN *FRANK
BISHOP*
SHOWED UP.



AND THAT WAS
THE END OF
CHARLOTTE LIN.



BUT ALSO...
A BEGINNING.

IT'S
CLEAR. YOU
CAN COME
OUT.

THIS
PLAN OF
YOURS, BISHOP,
HAD BETTER
WORK.

FROM THE DANK
SHADOWS, OUT
SLITHERED...

THE
VISCERATOR



OH, IT'LL
WORK.

BUT I'M
AFRAID IT'S
ALSO GOING
TO BE **QUITE**
PAINFUL.



I'VE
LOST MY
POWERS,
SO JUST
DO IT.



BE
THANKFUL MY
MAGICK...



...IS STILL
INTACT.



TIME
TO CLEAN
YOU UP.



MALEBOLGIA TRANSFORMED MY BROTHER ONCE, AS **PUNISHMENT**. I TRUST THIS WON'T BE PERMANENT. I CAN'T STAND THE UGLINESS OF HUMANS.

I ASSURE YOU; YOUR FORM IS QUITE PLEASING BY HUMAN STANDARDS. BUT FOR NOW...

YOU'RE **CHARLOTTE LIN**. YOUR JOB IS TO TAKE DOWN THE HERO, HAUNT.



AND WITH **MEDIEVAL SPAWN** MISSING TIME IS CRITICAL.



I DON'T LIKE THIS.



IT **DOESN'T** MATTER...

"...TAKING DOWN MEDIEVAL'S
TEAMMATES IS YOUR BEST
HOPE OF **FINDING** HIM."



WEEKS LATER...
THIS CHARLOTTE
LIN ACHIEVED WHAT
THE REAL ONE
NEVER COULD.

GETTING HERSELF PROMOTED
TO SERVE AS JASON WYNN'S
RIGHT HAND, SIMPLY BY
UTTERING A SINGLE SENTENCE:
"SIR, I'M HAPPY TO REPORT--"

**"--THE SCORCHED
ARE NO MORE."**

SHE--
SPAWN,
REDEEMER,
HAUNT,
SOUND
OFF!

ARE
YOU
OKAY?

ARE YOU
ALIVE?





TELL ME
EVERYTHING,
AGENT LIN.



"AS YOU KNOW, SIR, THE
SCORCHED HAD BEEN
USING INFORMATION
THEY'D ACQUIRED FROM
OUR SERVER WAREHOUSE.*

*LAST ISSUE --THOMAS.

"SINCE YOU
REVEALED YOURSELF,
JESSICA PRIEST AND
HER TEAM HAVE BEEN
ON THE WARPATH."





"WELL, TODAY,
THANKS TO THE
USE OF OVERT-KILL
TECH AND YOUR
NEW O-KILLER
SOLDIERS--WE
DECIDED TO
COUNTERATTACK.

"IN FULL
FORCE!"

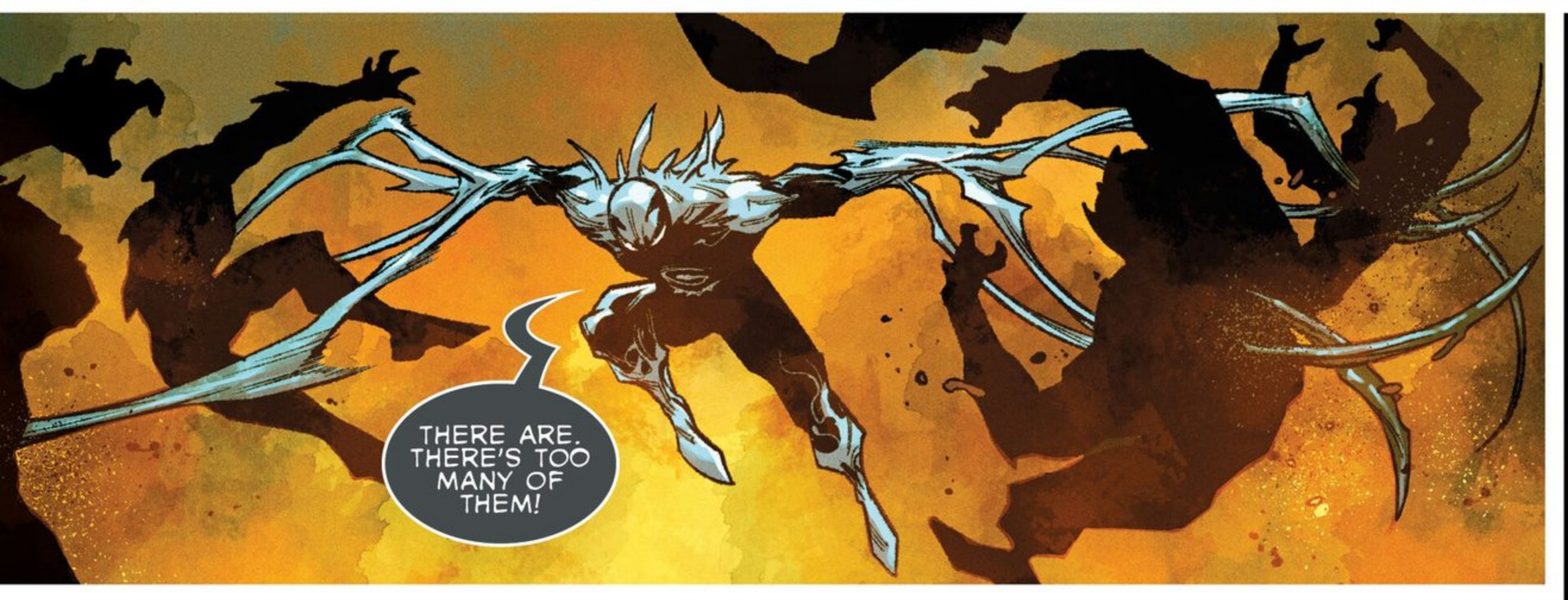


SOMEONE...
I NEED A STATUS
REPORT!

WYNN SENT
HIS ARMY,
MARC! WE'RE
UNDER
ATTACK!



GET
READY, THERE
MAY BE MORE
OF THEM!



THERE ARE,
THERE'S TOO
MANY OF
THEM!



AND
THOSE AREN'T THE
ONLY ONES IN OUR
ARSENAL.

LET ME
SHOW YOU
WHAT ELSE WE
HAVE AT OUR
DISPOSAL.



I
ASSUME
YOU'VE
READ THE
FILES ON
OVERT-
KILL.

I DID.
HIS TECH
WAS CREATED
SPECIFICALLY TO
NICHOLAS ROCCA'S
BIOLOGY AND **HIS**
BRAIN PATTERNS
ONLY.



AND PREVIOUS
ATTEMPTS TO MIMIC THIS
TECH LED TO REJECTION OF
ANY CYBERNETIC IMPLANTS,
USUALLY **FATALLY** SO FOR
THE SUBJECTS.



THE PROBLEM
WAS IN THE TRANSPLANT
PROCESS, IT REJECTED BECAUSE
THE CYBERNETICS **COULDN'T**
ALIGN WITH THEIR HOSTS
WHILE TUNED TO OVERT-
KILL'S BRAIN.

SO, THE
SOLUTION BECAME
TO CONTROL OVERT-
KILL'S **BRAIN**.



THEY'RE
USING THE
SAME TECH
WE'VE SEEN
ON OVERT-
KILL.

HE **WASN'T**
INDESTRUCTIBLE,
NEITHER ARE
THESE!

"OVERT-KILL HAS
POWER, TRUE,
BUT HAS PROVEN
UNRELIABLE IN
THE PAST.



"BUT THIS TIME WE
HAVE **COMPLETE**
CONTROL OVER
THESE O-KILLERS.



"THEY'RE NOT
NEARLY AS STRONG
AS THEIR ORIGINAL
COUNTERPART WAS..."



"...THEIR STRENGTH
COMES FROM
THEIR **NUMBERS**."



"AND THEY
ARE **MUCH**
CHEAPER
AND EASIER
TO PRODUCE."



"MAKING THEM
DISPOSABLE
IF NEED BE."



BEEP
BEEP



BWOON

HER WARNING
CAME TOO LATE.





SHE'D SEEN HIM MONTHS AGO IN A CHURCH WITH VISCERATOR.*

I'VE KILLED YOU ONCE. I'LL DO IT AGAIN.

PLEASE, SAVE THE BRAVADO. YOU'RE DEPOWERED, JESSICA.

AND OUTNUMBERED. YOU CAN'T WIN THIS FIGHT.

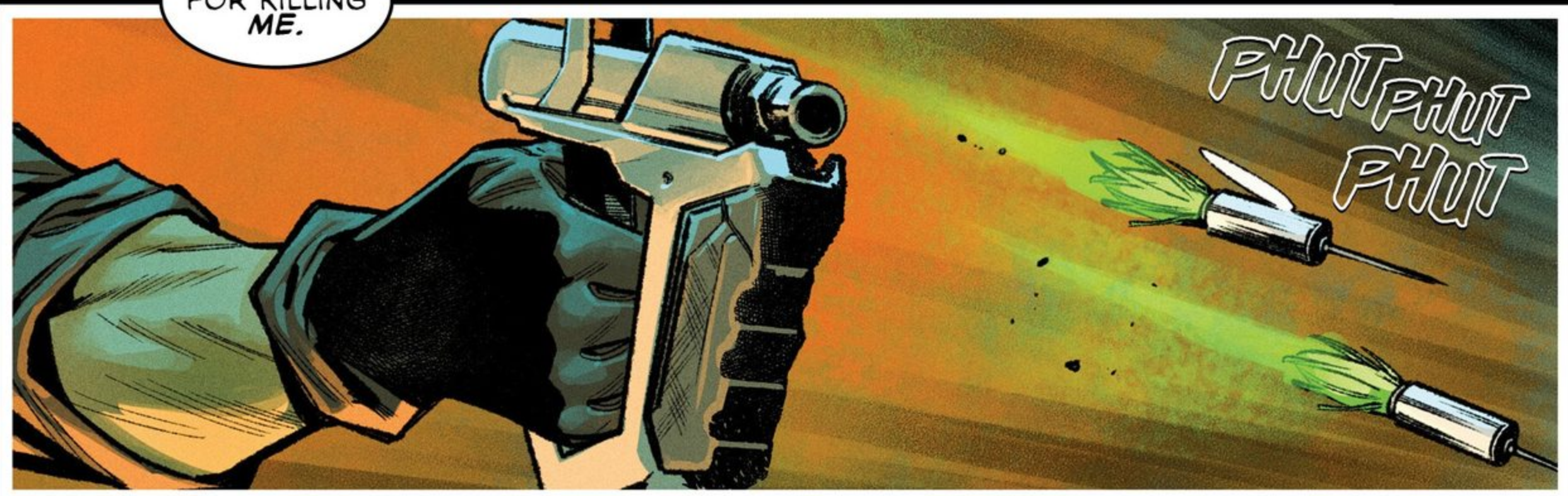
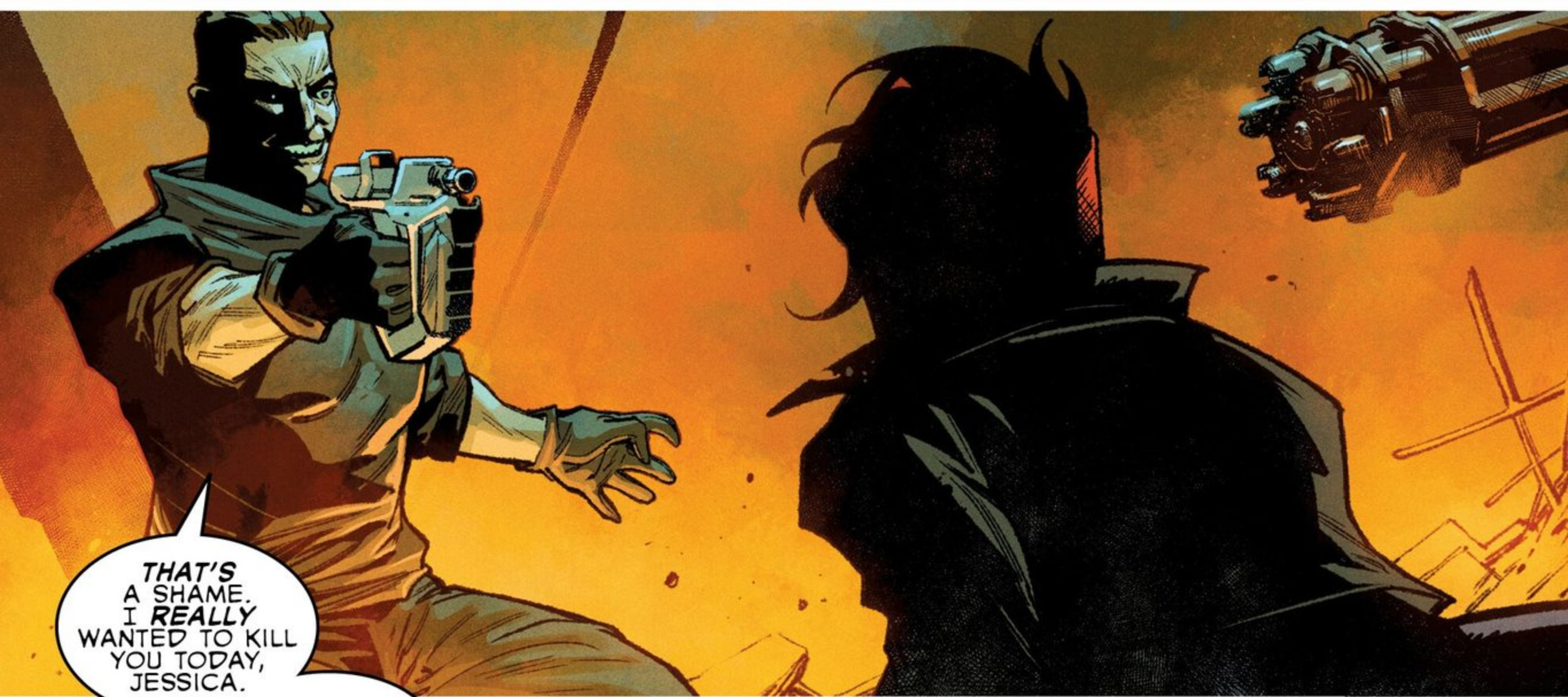
LUCKILY, WYNN NEEDS YOU ALIVE. HE'LL ALLOW YOUR FRIENDS TO LIVE...

BACK IN ISSUE #26 --THOMAS



THAT'S EASY. YOU WORK FOR WYNN AGAIN.







GUESS
I'LL JUST
HAVE TO HOPE
WHAT WYNN HAS IN
STORE FOR HER IS
WORSE THAN
DEATH.

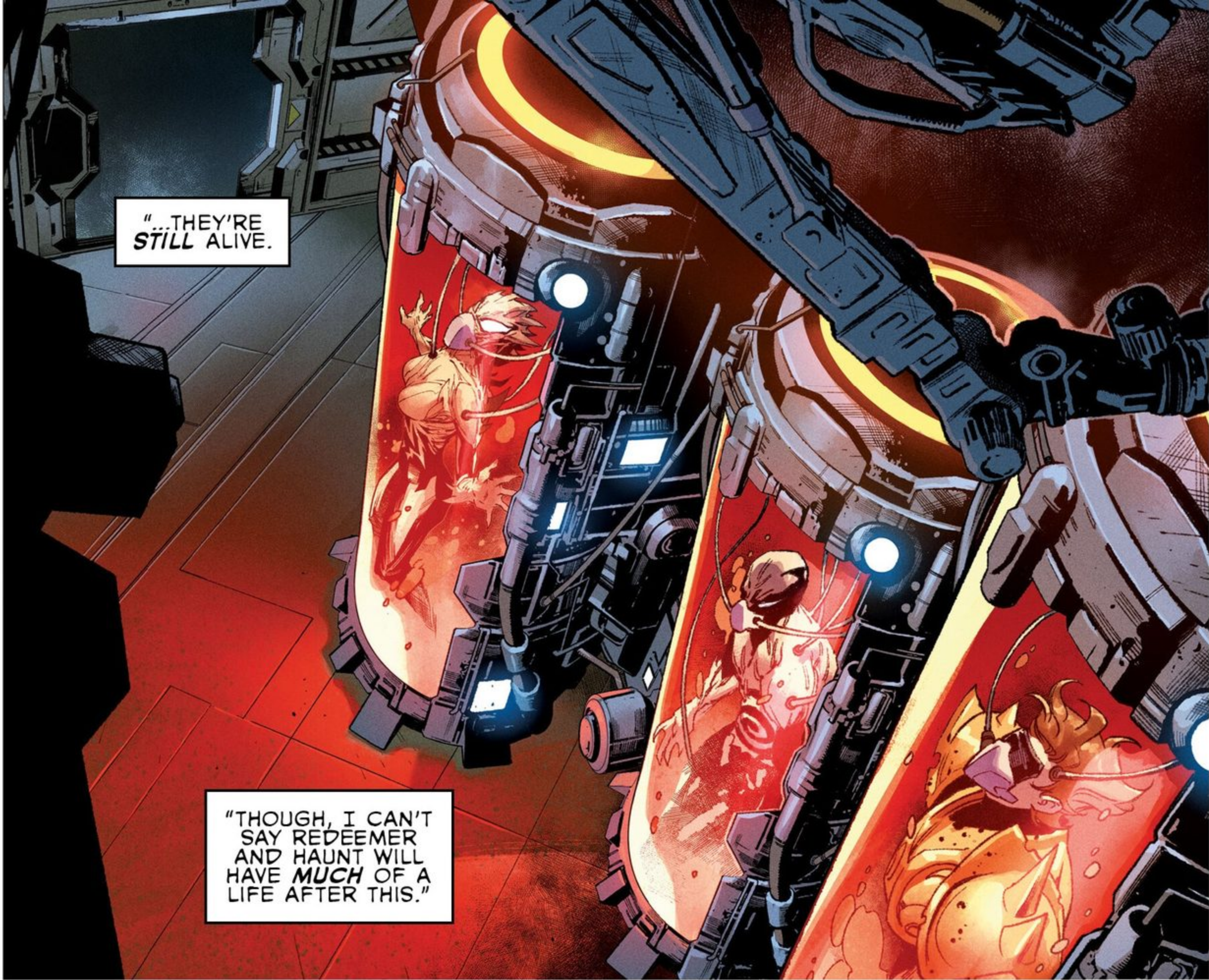
PICK
HER UP AND
TAKE HER
OUTSIDE.



SO, IS
PRIEST BEING
PREPPED?

YES. SHE'S
IN **SURGERY**, AS
ORDERED. EVERYTHING
IS PROCEEDING AS YOU
WISHED, DIRECTOR
WYNN.

AS FOR
THE **OTHER**
TWO...



"...THEY'RE
STILL ALIVE.

"THOUGH, I CAN'T
SAY REDEEMER
AND HAUNT WILL
HAVE **MUCH** OF A
LIFE AFTER THIS."



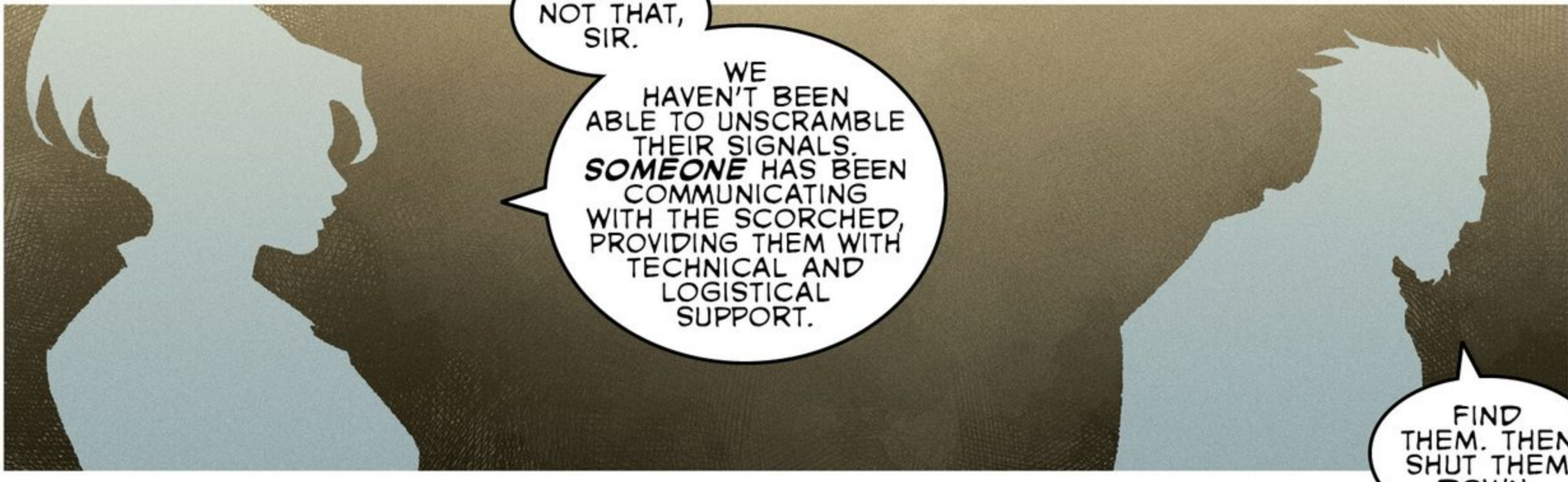
ONE
LAST
THING,
SIR.

THERE'S
ANOTHER
MEMBER OF
THEIR TEAM
WE HAVEN'T
DEALT
WITH.



MEDIEVAL
SPAWN.
I'M AWARE
HE'S STILL
MISSING.

SO, I'M
NOT GOING
TO WASTE
RESOURCES
ON HIM, FOR
NOW.



IT'S
NOT THAT,
SIR.

WE
HAVEN'T BEEN
ABLE TO UNSCRAMBLE
THEIR SIGNALS.
SOMEONE HAS BEEN
COMMUNICATING
WITH THE SCORCHED,
PROVIDING THEM WITH
TECHNICAL AND
LOGISTICAL
SUPPORT.

FIND
THEM. THEN
SHUT THEM
DOWN.

"I WON'T LET SOME
TECH-NERDS PUT A
DENT INTO WHAT WE'RE
DOING HERE. THE
ACTUAL SCORCHED
TEAM HAS BEEN
PARALYZED. I NEED IT
TO STAY THAT WAY."

SHE-
SPAWN,
ARE YOU
THERE?

REDEEMER,
COME IN?
HAUNT?

"BESIDES, IT'S
NOT A THREAT
IF THERE'S
NO ONE TO
COMMUNICATE
WITH."

GOD
DAMN IT!
SOMEONE
ANSWER
ME!!



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Hi Thomas. Jet's been on a steady diet of Spawn fan art and repainting McFarlane figures! For this month, Jet's drawn his very first She-Spawn solo piece, with a special emphasis on her massive gun, which I'll explain below:



The story behind the gun: Jet was already set on drawing She-Spawn when we started talking about why she's always pictured with huge guns way taller than her. At first, we thought it was more of an homage to the oversized weapons of anime, but then we did a little research. When we looked more deeply into the Scorched #1 cover art, we noticed that She-Spawn has necroplasm hands that help her hold the multiple grips on her guns like she was some sort of Hindu goddess! Our minds were blown to say the least (and all of the accessories for our She-Spawn action figure suddenly made perfect sense).

Thanks as usual for keeping Jet motivated and continuing to inspire us and many more. What you guys did with bringing all of the Spawn titles together for the Spawn #350 climax is one of the greatest achievements in comics history (one that we've set aside for Jet's regular study).

-JAN L

Jan, it's great to hear from you and Jet again. I've seen that he is hard at work on his comic! It's always great to see the next generation of comic artists working hard at their craft. Good eye. Jessica has quite a few special abilities that haven't really been focused on too much in the books. Luckily, with some of the new titles that we will be releasing this year, you might just get a deeper look into Jessica Priest as She-Spawn and what that means for her. We are reeling looking forward to seeing more of Jet's work in the future! Thanks, Jet and Jan.

-THOMAS

Hey Thomas. I have a question for you. You may not be able to answer this but are we going to be seeing any new members of the Scorched soon? I know Monolith was on the team, but since he doesn't really look human, it was a weird fit. It'd be cool if the Scorched was like the training place for new heroes. Like put Focus and maybe even Taylor from Gunslinger on the team. It seems like it's been hinted about Taylor having powers. Anyway, thanks for the comics!

-J.P.

Hey, J.P., I'll answer as much as I can. If I spoil too much, Rory, John, and Todd will show up at my office door with baseball bats to teach me a lesson about keeping my mouth shut. But I suspect we may see some new recruits on the team at some point. With everything that is going on at the moment, I think survival is first and foremost on their mind, though.

-THOMAS



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
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NEED MORE SPAWN'S ? UNIVERSE

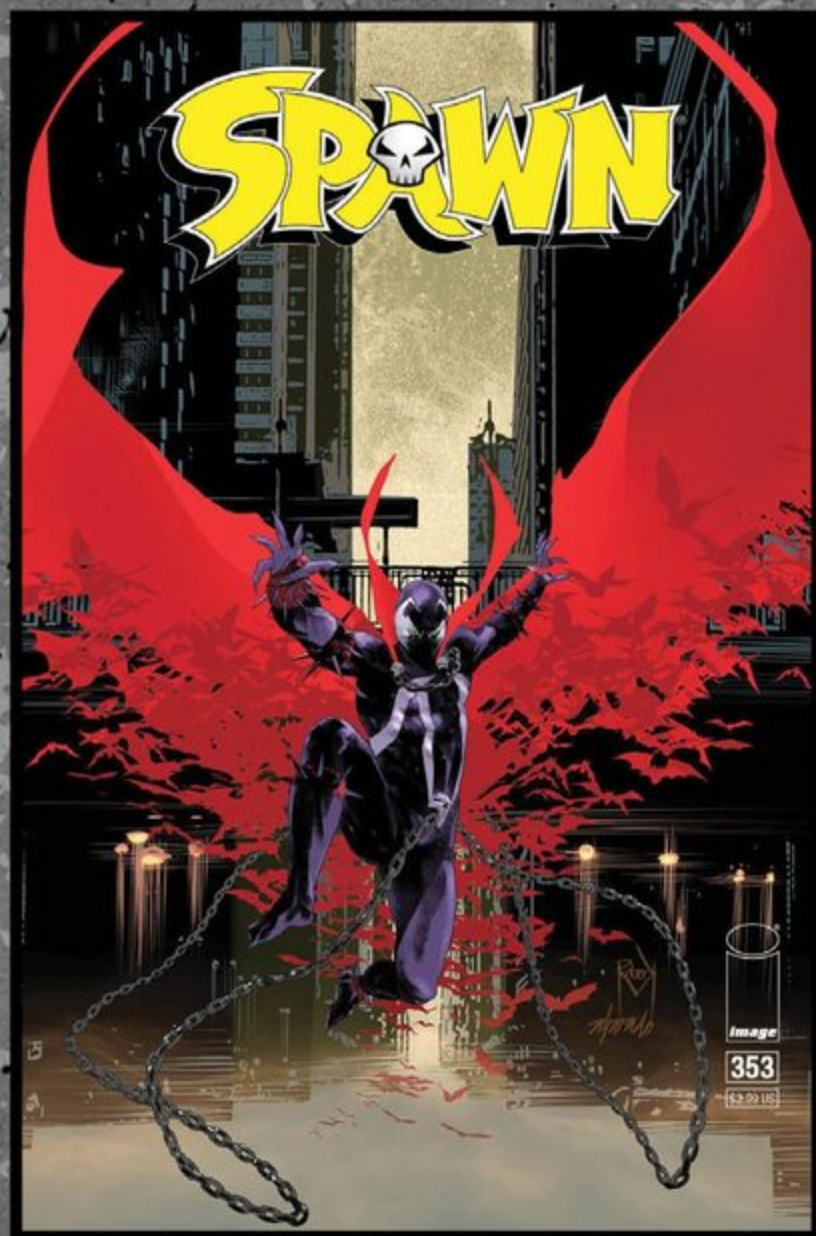
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LAZARUS **EAST OF WEST** I KILL GIANTS
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
KING CITY *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILL OR BE KILLED **CURSE WORDS** *RATQUEENS*

SOUTHERN BASTARDS **SPAWN** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE **BLUE MONDAY**

MONSTRESS **CHEW** *KINGSMAN*
NOWHERE MEN
HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY

DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS*

OCTOPUS PIE WYTCHEs *SHUTTER*

TOKYO GHOST THE BLACK MONDAY MURDERS **BITCH PLANET**

SAGA *MOTOR CRUSH* **WAYWARD** *TREES*
THE AUTUMNLANDS
CRIMINAL

PLUTONA *LOW*

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